

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
MINUTES**

DATE: January 4, 2012

TIME: 9:00 a.m., CST

LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center  
Poplar Board Room  
Heritage Place Metro Center  
227 French Landing, Suite 150  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Larry Christopher, DPO, Secretary  
Donald Wells, DPO  
Kimberly Jackson, DPO  
Edward Risby, PhD, Consumer Member

**STAFF**

PRESENT: Brian Sims, Assistant General Counsel  
Elizabeth Miller, Director of Health Related Boards  
Stacy Tarr, Board Administrator

Mr. Christopher called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

Dr. Risby made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, to approve the October 12, 2011 minutes as amended. The motion carried.

**Office of General Counsel Report**

Currently, the Board of Dispensing Opticians does not have any pending rules. There are not currently any pending cases in the Office of General Counsel.

**Investigative Report**

There are fourteen (14) open complaints.

**Monitored Practitioner Report**

There are currently eight (8) individuals being monitored.

### **Financial Report**

For FY 2011, as of June 30, 2011, the Board had direct expenditures of \$59, 205.88 and total revenues of \$125,981.27

### **Administrative Report**

There are 838 active licensed dispensing opticians and 324 active apprentices. From October 5, 2011 to December 19, 2011, sixteen (16) dispensing opticians and sixteen (16) apprentices were licensed. Also during that period two (2) licenses were retired, five (5) licensees failed to renew, and 2 licensees died.

### **Application Review**

Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christopher to approve the following applicants to enter the dispensing optician apprentice training program:

#### **Apprenticeships**

**Donald Akin, Jr.**  
**Amanda Cross**  
**Carl Dunn, Jr.**  
**Kathryn Etheridge**  
**Ronda Harvell**  
**Lisa Johnson**  
**Tiffany Rivera**  
**Michele Smith**  
**Susan Douglas**  
**Catherine Smith**  
**Quoya Royston**  
**Shirley Young**  
**Ashley Rayner**

The motion carried.

Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Dr. Risby to approve the following dispensing optician applicants to sit for the practical examination:

**Richard Hamilton**  
**Angela Palacios**  
**Jessica Johnson**  
**Medio Caucci**

The motion carried.

### **Continuing Education Requests for Approval**

All continuing education requests were approved as submitted:

General Anatomy of the Eye, Ophthalmic Lens Functions, Applied Lens Functions, Oblique Lens Powers, Anisometropia, Vertex Calculations, Ophthalmic Prism

The Learning Curve

February 12, 2012 (Johnson City, TN)

March 4, 2012 (Chattanooga, TN)

March 18, 2012 (Cookeville, TN)

March 25, 2012 (Knoxville, TN)

September 9, 2012 (Knoxville, TN)

November 4, 2012 (Cookeville, TN)

8 CEC

Refractive Surgery for the Ophthalmic Professional, Anterior and Posterior Segment OCT Grounds Rounds, Overview of New Eye Imaging Technology, Topography Grand Rounds, Ocular Emergencies, Vertex Calculations, Applied Prism

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April 1, 2012 & August 26, 2012

Palmer Plaza

1801 West End Avenue

Nashville, TN 37203

Tennessee Dispensing Opticians Association

LeDonna Buckner NCLE 4 Hours: Anatomy and Physiology, Patient Histories, Help! My Patient is Presbyopic and Needs GP Lenses, The Irregular Cornea

Tim Fortner ABO 3 Hours: Telling the Best Stories, Enhanced Vision Vs. Restored Vision, New Transitions Technology

Robert Thomas ABO 1 Hour: Occular Prosthesis

March 27, 2012

### **Review Correspondence**

The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Ms. Susan Kistler requesting a waiver of the requirement to obtain a degree from an opticianry school. She has a masters degree from Stanford University and worked as a dispensing optician under the supervision of her ex-husband ophthalmologist for many years. Once she has completed the opticianry courses at the J. Sargeant Reynolds School, she requests to be licensed without completion of the optician degree and without apprenticeship. The Assistant General Counsel advised the Board to table this matter until the April 18, 2012 board meeting. The Board agreed to do so.

The Board reviewed a letter that addressed concerns of apprentices altering their 6 month evaluations. The writer of the letter suggested that the evaluations should be notarized and submitted by the supervising optician. The board attorney stated that the Board may need a rule change in order to implement these suggestions. The Board agreed to defer discussion of this matter until the April 18, 2012 board meeting.

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Risby made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wells, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

